Recreational Fires

The Springfield Fire Rescue Division desires that the citizens of Springfield be able to enjoy the outdoor areas of their homes and property while preserving the general safety of the property and the quality of the air shared by their neighbors.

The use of recreational fires is controlled within the City of Springfield and an area within ½ mile of the city perimeter by the Ohio EPA, by the Ohio Fire Code, by the Springfield Fire Code and by ordinances of the City of Springfield.



Within that protected area, recreational fires may be kindled under the following conditions:

- ◆ Permit required a permit shall be obtained from the fire code official.
- ♦ Fire Marshal approved container no less than 15 feet from any structure; the container fire area and the fire size shall be no greater than 36 inches in any dimension.
- Fuel shall be seasoned dry firewood only.
- ♦ Competent persons shall constantly attend fires.
- ♦ A garden hose or suitable fire extinguisher shall be present at all times.
- ♦ Fires may be prohibited at any time when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous or create conditions, which are offensive or objectionable to adjacent property owners or residents. Open burning on Ozone Action Days is prohibited. To find out which days are designated Ozone Action Days, call the Air Line at (937) 223-3222 during the ozone season (April October).
- ♦ Such permits shall have an expiration date indicated and under no conditions shall any permit be issued for more than 12 consecutive months.
- ◆ Approved Container Burn Permits may be renewed upon expiration by Fire Marshal review and approval of the container and location.
- ◆ Persons requesting an Approved Container Burn Permit who are not the property owner must provide a signed letter from the landlord/property owner, which includes the owner's name, address and telephone number, and states that he/she gives the tenant consent to obtain such a permit.

Please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at (937) 324-7610 to request a permit.

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